



**Minutes of the meeting held June 3, 2021**  
**Divots Conference Center**  
**4200 W Norfolk Ave**  
**Norfolk, Nebraska**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Merrell  
Debbie Borg  
David Bruntz, Chairman  
Andy Groskopf  
Brandon Hunnicutt  
Jay Reiners  
Adam Grabenstein  
Ted Schrock  
John Greer

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT**

Andy Jobman, NeCGA

Hector Santiago, UNL-IANR

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Kurtis Harms  
Boone McAfee  
Nikki Bentzinger  
Jeff Wilkerson

**VISTORS**

John Krohn  
Tom Nathan, NeCGA  
Chad Moyer, KTIC

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the June 3, 2021 meeting:

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by David Bruntz, chairman. Bruntz announced that the notice of the meeting was given and published in compliance with the Open Meetings Law and that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, a copy of which was available for public inspection and review during the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- A motion was made to approve the June 3, 2021 meeting agenda.

*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve up to \$10,000 out of General Unobligated into the CommonGround line item in the Communications budget for a Banquet on the Farm as an extension of the LPS-UNL Early College and Career STEM program.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Merrell, Bruntz, Reiners, Greer, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Borg, Schrock*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made to approve up to \$50,000 out of the Market Development Ethanol Infrastructure Investment Line item for Country Partners Coop.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Schrock, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Borg, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Bruntz, Greer, Merrell*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

## **SUSPEND RULES**

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss 1<sup>st</sup> time funding.

*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

*By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

## **FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET**

The board discussed the revenue projection for FY 21/22 and agreed to set the corn fees revenue projection at \$8,169,600. This amount is based on 9.6 million acres being harvested at 185 bushels per acre.

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) in the amount of \$1,525,000.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Groskopf, Borg, Merrell, Greer, Reiners, Schrock, Grabenstein, Bruntz*

*Nay: None  
Abstain: Hunnicutt  
Absent: None  
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

- A motion was made to fund the Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) in the amount of \$373,600.

*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Reiners, Borg, Bruntz, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Greer  
Nay: None  
Abstain: Merrell  
Absent: None  
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

- A motion was made to fund the United States Meat Export Federation (USMEF) in the amount of \$781,500.

*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Borg, Reiners, Merrell, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Greer, Schrock, Hunnicutt  
Nay: None  
Abstain: Bruntz  
Absent: None  
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

- A motion was made to approve the Research budget in the amount of \$997,751.

*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Merrell, Borg, Grabenstein, Greer, Bruntz, Schrock, Reiners, Groskopf  
Nay: None  
Abstain: Hunnicutt  
Absent: None  
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

- A motion was made to approve the FY 21/22 budget.

*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Greer, Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Merrell, Bruntz, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

### **SALARY ADJUSTMENTS:**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve a salary increase of 2% for the current Nebraska Corn Board staff and an additional 4% for the Executive Director, effective July 1, 2021.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Merrell, Bruntz, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Greer*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

### **MINUTES**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 30-31, 2021 meeting with the additional corrections. June NCB Meeting will be held in Norfolk, NE, the Field to Market meeting is moved to June 23-24, the NCGA A-Team/Corn Congress Meeting is in New Orleans, LA and the USGC Meeting is July 28-30 in Des Moines, IA.

*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

### **FISCAL REPORT**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the March, April and May 2021 fiscal reports as presented.

*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

### **PETITIONS**

The board reviewed the petitions that was submitted for District #6, 7 and 8. All petitions have been verified with the respective FSA offices.

District #6: Ted Schrock

District #7: John Krohn

District #8: Andy Groskopf

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and accept Ted Schrock's petition for District #6, John Krohn's petition for District #7 and Andy Groskopf's petition for District #8 and forward to the Governor's office for their appointment as all have met the qualifications.

*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

## **CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

- A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of June, July, August, September, October, November and December 2021.

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
June	3	2021	NCB Board Meeting	Norfolk, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Merrell, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
June	8	2021	Saunders County Corn Growers Meeting	Wahoo, NE	Bruntz
June	10	2021	Light the FEWSS Orientation	Lincoln, NE	Harms
June	14-18	2021	NCGA Board Meeting	Cleveland, OH	Hunnicutt
June	15	2021	Diary Learn & Lunch	Humphrey, NE	Wilkerson, Merrell
June	21	2021	MASDA Banquet	Lincoln, NE	Borg, Brunkhorst
June	21-24	2021	Light the FEWSS	Lincoln, NE	Harms
June	21-24	2021	USAPEEC	Nashville, TN	Wilkerson
June	23	2021	FEWSS/CommonGround Banquet	Goehner, NE	Harms, Borg
June	23-24	2021	Field to Market	Virtual	Hunnicutt, McAfee
June	24-25	2021	NCGA Female Mentor Program	St. Louis, MO	Borg
June	29-July 1	2021	Gary Marshal (MO Corn) Retirement	Camdenton, MO	Brunkhorst
July	11-16	2021	NCGA A-Team/Corn Congress	New Orleans, LA	Borg, Merrell, Schrock,

					Hunnicut, Reiners, Bruntz, Greer, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Brunkhorst, Harms, McAfee, Wilkerson,
July	18-24	2021	California Mission Trip	California	Greer, Wilkerson, Grabenstein
July	21	2021	Nebraska Pork Expo	York, NE	Borg, Merrell
July	26-28	2021	USGC Meeting	Des Moines, IA	Merrell, Bruntz, Borg, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Schrock, Greer, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Wilkerson, Harms, McAfee, Brunkhorst
August	2-5	2021	Leadership at its Best	St. Louis, MO	Bog
August	3	2021	Governor's Ag Conf	Kearney, NE	Brunkhorst, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Bruntz, Grabenstein
August	11-14	2021	National CommonGround Conference	Dallas, TX	Harms
August	15-18	2021	Green Transportation Summit	Tacoma, WA	Wilkerson
August	18	2021	ACE	Minneapolis, MN	Wilkerson
August	19-20	2021	Nebraska Corn Board Meeting	York, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf,

					Grabenstein, Merrell, Hunnicut, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger, Krohn
August	20	2021	Corn Grower Open	York, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Merrell, Hunnicut, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger, Krohn
August	25	2021	Locks & Dams Tour	St. Louis, MO	Wilkerson, Schrock, Krohn
August 27 to	Sept 6	2021	Nebraska State Fair	Grand Island, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Merrell, Hunnicut, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
September	1	2021	Beef Pit at State Fair	Grand Island	Borg, Bruntz, Greer,

					Groskopf, Grabenstein, Merrell, Krohn, Hunnicut, t, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
September	13-16	2021	Husker Harvest Days	Grand Island, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Merrell, Krohn, Hunnicut, t, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
September	16-17	2021	NCGA Board Meeting	St. Louis, MO	Hunnicut
September	22	2021	Renewable Fuels Nebraska Meeting	Kearney, NE	Wilkerson
September	28-30	2021	RFA Annual Meeting	Des Moines, IA	Wilkerson, Schrock
October	6-7	2021	Field to Market Board Retreat	New Orleans, LA	Hunnicut
October	13-14	2021	NCGA Communication Summit	TBD	Harms, Svanda
October	25-28	2021	State Execs Meeting	NC	Brunkhorst
November	10-12	2021	USMEF Meeting	Carlsbad, CA	Bruntz, Brunkhorst, Grabenstein
November	16-18	2021	Field to Market/Sustainable Ag	Las Vegas, NV	Hunnicut



November	22-23	2021	Joint Nebraska Corn Growers/Board Meeting & NCB Board Meeting	Lincoln, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Merrell, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
December	13-17	2021	State Execs/Pres/Chairman Leadership Symposium	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst, Hunnicutt

*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Bruntz provided the opportunity for public discussion.

#### **ADJOURN**

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 pm.

*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

SUBMITTED BY,



Jay Reiners, Secretary/Treasurer



Nikki Bentzinger, Business Manager

